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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence  
FROM : Presidential Briefing Coordinator  
SUBJECT : Preparations for 3 October Presidential Briefing

1. Attached is some additional material on Panama's Foreign Policy, in particular talking points that focus this on what one can say usefully. These could be cut more since the message here is fundamentally, as Mr. Bowie puts it, "Like the chapter on Ireland in the book on snakes; don't worry about them." The graphics aren't drafted yet.

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2. [ ] has arranged to show the [ ] presentation in the Oval office. On Monday we will provide you a post-film update to go with it. There won't be much to say. But giving this in the same briefing as Soviet/Cuban Options in Rhodesia will invite questions like,

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I will ask people to be prepared to address this in your Monday pre-brief.

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Attachments

cc: DD/NFA

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1.  
Panama

Weak and disjointed. Needs to be pulled together and given a punch line. Frankly think we have promised - we can't deliver. Not much here provides speculation. Look for hard indicators. Expand dip status, trading conference positions

G-77-N-S-trade?

LOS?

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2. See if TV film on [ ] can be shown in Oval Office.

New Subject: General Instructions on NSC Briefing

1. [ ] paper of 27 Sep is fine. Now need to cull down; what is obvious. What are trends running through e.g. almost everyone has reason to favor [ ] plan today.

2. Not enough impact of Namibia breakdown.

3. Include chart with basic trends in Rhodesia's economy.

4. What has happened to the whole brief on Cubans in area-it's down to one paragraph. Let's not waste all that effort. Either President on Tuesday or Friday for NSC--2 minutes.

Briefing Book - M/R - President [ ]  
Page 1 on notes

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Tab A - paragraph 5: Impact Namibia turn of events?

II. para 4: Does data show more raids on ZANU?

IV. A.1.: Review tribal breakdown from previous Presidential briefs.

Tab B - I.A.: Change over "peacetime" of/or total cost of military.

C. Chart the trends

II.A.&amp;B.: Chart the trends

III.A. Chart the trends.

4. New sanctions because of Namibia?

V. Need one chart board with 3 or 4 economic indicators. Need to tie to South African economic situation.

Tab C - Last page Rhodesian Security Forces - Chart trained manpower, manpower and training, Cuban advisers, Soviet advisers, armored vehicles and Air Force.

ZAPU, ZANU, Rhodesia, South Africa ...Zambia, Mozambique

Tab D - paragraph I.A.1. What number?

Tab E - Soviet policy in So. Africa  
Paragraph 2.a.: Any change since 5 commando units failed?

Tab F - NSC Briefing of Angola

Last page, last paragraph; What's status of flow of  25X1C

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Tab H - End of last paragraph, last line - drawn line down - support statement

Tab I. Angola: Seeking to Supplement Communist Aid  
Paragraph 4.a.b.c.: What is Loehm Convention?